Bowling Meet Opens Monday—Baseball League Ready

Holy Name Group Plans Softball Team

Canandaigua — The Holy Name Society of Canandaigua considered the forming of a softball team and entering a local league. A committee was appointed to investigate the feasibility of joining a softball league and canvass the membership of the Society for players.

The committee is headed by William Moriarity, the other members being Michael Duane and Francis Finnick. The committee will report its findings at a special meeting of the Society to be held Monday evening, April 27.

The next regular meeting of the Society will be held May 11.

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Nearly 150 Teams Ready For Tourney

Father Stauder To Roll First Ball At Elm Hall Sessions; Auburn Leads Out-O-City Delegations With Fifteen Teams.

With Auburn's fifteen teams paving the way for a near record out-of-town entry, the fourth annual tournament of the Catholic Men's Bowling Association rolls into action at Elm Hall Monday night.

Flooded with a rush of last minute entries, Secretary Joe Mueller estimated that nearly 150 teams will see action before the tourney ends.

The Rev. F. William Stauder, spiritual director of the Holy Name Union under whose auspices the tournament is being held, will roll out the first ball before the first squad takes the drives.

Many Localities Represented

Secretary Mueller reports that Auburn's banner entry of fifteen teams is the best representation made by any locality outside of Rochester since the first tournament got under way in 1933. Elmira has the second best record with an entry of eight teams.

Four teams are coming from Endicott, two from Bradford, Pa. and one each from Coldwater, Seneca Falls, Owego and Newark.

Although this year's total entry will fall slightly below last season's record of 156 teams, nevertheless the entry is surprisingly large and exceeds by far the 110 teams entered in the city's association tournament.

This tournament, started in more or less of a shoestring four years ago, has shown remarkable progress, as evidenced by the wide variety of entries. It is no longer an experiment, but a permanent fixture, in the sporting curriculum of Rochester.

No change is contemplated in the tournament rules this year. The bowlers will compete in two classes. In the A class teams averaging from 825 to 900 will compete, while teams with averages under the 825 mark are grouped in the B class.

UNCLE DAVE SAYS---

LIFE IS LIKE THAT

Everybody loves Robin Red Breast. The following amusing little story about him appeared in the Washington Post. The robin, a joy to behold to most people as the first sign of spring, is the bane of existence to Harry B. Mitchell, Civil Service Commissioner and his family. Mitchell, who lives in Chevy Chase, Md., likes to sleep mornings at least until the sun comes up. For ten days now this luxury has been denied him.

Bright and early, every morning at five, a robin alights on the window sill outside Mitchell's bedroom to fight with its reflection in the glass. The battle, noisy enough to awaken the commissioner, ends only when Robin Red Breast is so exhausted he cannot raise his head.

A matter of an hour or so Mitchell became so provoked he called the Montgomery County Police and asked if they could not send out a man to shoot Cock Robin. This, Private William Crawford, engaged to be married, and in accord with robins and all they mean, refused to do. His best reason was a State law that imposes a $500 fine for the killing of song birds.

"And you know," Crawford said smiling, "a robin has a mighty pretty song."

The following letter commending my stand against drinking expressed in this column came to me recently:

"Dear Uncle Dave: Hurrah for your column. Since Prohibition was repealed, it has been a mystery to me that there hasn't been more of that in our lives, sermons and so forth. I think it is a pity that at several of the St. Patrick's Day dances I know of there was the accompanying 'bar' very much in evidence. You may not be a local columnist, even so I suppose in every city and town where there are Catholics, conditions are practically the same."

At Niagara University, New York, a popular member of the student body, Thomas F. Flood, died recently. Here are some thoughts concerning his death which [illegible] to this office by Father Thomas D. O'Connor, student advisor.

"Each class day of Lent you have found at your place in the refectory this daily Lenten Bulletin. Ash Wednesday the Gospel of the day was summed up for you with the words: 'Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven where neither rust nor moth consume and where thieves do not break through or steal.' Look back a bit. The day's Gospel thought 'This' was the day Tom was anointed. And the Gospel for that day was the Gospel of the widow of Naim whose only son was dead. Within an hour after dinner Father Clay in was preparing for death one of your classmates and he was an only son and his mother was a widow. Did that thought strike you?

"Time and time again you have been told the age-old Scriptural warning: 'As a man lives, so shall he die.' How did Tom Flood live? I know him pretty well, and here are just a few of the things that you know. Did you ever stop in the infirmary and inquire, 'Whose radio is that?' How many times have I heard someone, while trying to kill time, remark, 'Tom, let me take it.' Asking a certain individual who was at the mission social, who had given him the ticket, he admitted that Tom Flood had purchased it and given it to him.

Two weeks ago the contributors for the year since September were listed. Did you notice a few names with the amount contributed crossed out? He did not want to have it known what he gave. God knew. But let me tell you he as the most generous contributor in the sophomore class.

"And he gave more than his money. He gave his time. Last September I had an urgent request from Sister Norbertine, I. H. M., of St. Edmond's Convent in Phily. She wanted 40 or 50 pages of notes. I asked several fellow students who were taught by the Immaculate Heart Sisters. I only had to explain my request and Tom Flood typed about 30 pages. And so I could go on. But you know him. In the month of St. Joseph, he obtained the greatest favor that God can give. The grace of a happy and holy death. As long as Niagara has students who can smile as he did and say, 'O. K., father, I'm ready,' Niagara can be proud of sons like Tom Flood."

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Along the Sports Horizon

By BILL LANG

Bill Lang

Not so many years ago, a slightly bald and gray gentleman who knows his way around Rochester's bowling alleys presented what was then a rather novel idea at a banquet of the Catholic Bowling League.

He suggested that the Catholic bowlers of Rochester band together once a year and stage a team tournament, possibly under the auspices of the Holy Name Society.

While the proposal won banquet applause it was some time before it actually was transformed into a reality, and only then through the untiring efforts of this same gentleman. Rochester saw its first Holy Name tournament in 1933 at Buonomo's Hall. The second was held the following year at the Columbus Civic Center drives, the third last year at Culver Hall and the fourth will open Monday night at Elm Hall.

When the news of these tournaments was first flashed along Rochester's sporting front, the skeptics smiled and predicted an early end to the effort. The fact remains, however, that each year sees a heightening of interest in these tournaments. This year's entry far exceeds that of the city tournament and puts the tournament right on top of the sporting heap.

Oh, yes to get back to that gentleman who engendered the whole idea.

You bowlers probably heard of him at one time or other.

His name is Charlie Buonomo.

When Niagara University's football team started spring practice this week the purple had a mighty valuable addition to their ranks—one Mr. Fred Pestorious who is no midget by any stretch of the imagination.

Fred has left the Rochester Division of Niagara for the falls campus in an attempt to make the Varsity.

If he does as good a job in practice as he did when he donned the armor of ancient knighthood in the Catholic Courier's Student Press Crusade, there should be no question of the final results.

The Catholic Bowling League dropped the curtain on the 1935-1936 season with a dinner the other evening at which the CATHOLIC COURIER trophy symbolic of the city Catholic bowling title was presented to the champions from Holy Redeemer's.

Over a period of the last ten years the annual job of winning the circuit's bowling title has become more or less a habit with the Holy Redeemer lads. They did it when they were single and now that most of them are in the matrimonial state they're still at it.

The CATHOLIC COURIER trophy, however, goes into the H.R.A.A. clubhouse for the first time. Placed in competition last year, the trophy first went to St. Stanislaus. It must be won three times for permanent possession.

An atmosphere that bodes good for the future of the league prevailed at the dinner. The officers and league members were rightfully optimistic in view of the end of the most successful season in the past five years.

That iron-clad parish rule which has been clamped down on Catholic Baseball League players should result in some strange divisions of playing strength.

Take, for instance, the two hurling aces for the four time champions from Holy Rosary—Joe Witzigman and Sammy Rebman. If either of these flingers takes part in Catholic League competition this year they must sport the spangles of St. Michael's inasmuch as they live in that parish.

The same is true of many of the other top-notchers.

Representatives of the various parishes which will temperarily suffer because of this ruling are to be congratulated on their fine spirit in entering their teams on the new basis.

Non-Catholic Shot In Holdup Gets The Last Rites

Cleveland. Called from the confessional in St. Rose's Church Saturday evening to minister to a young man shot in an attempted gas station hold up, the Rev. Patrick J. O'Connell the pastor, heard the man's confession, administered the last rites and got into the ambulance with him en route to St. John's Hospital before the man told him that he was not a Catholic.

The man, Father O'Connell said called for mercy constantly as he rode to the hospital. The man's explanation to Father O'Connell of why he asked for the priest was that as a wanderer about the country he had never been turned away by a priest or at the home of a priest, that he had always been received with kindness. So in this emergency his first thought was to ask that a priest be called fearing that his wounds might be fatal.

At St. John's Hospital the man expressed further desire to become a Catholic and last night the Rev. W. Brendan McNamara, the chaplain, baptized him. Late reports from the hospital were that the man might recover.

Pilgrimage Of Good Will Started By Clergymen

Washington. Three clergymen of different faiths left the National Capital today on the start of two weeks' nation-wide tour in the interest of closer understanding and co-operation among Protestants, Catholics and Jews.

Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, Director of the National Conference of Jews and Christians, the Rev. Michael J. Ahern, S.J., of Weston College, Weston, Mass., and Rabbi Marc S. Lazarron, of Rittenhouse entrained for Pittsburgh tonight, is the first point on their pilgrimage. In Pittsburgh they will speak before college and civic meetings of Catholics, Protestants and Jews arranged by a committee of leading citizens.

Their itinerary follows:

April 24, Dallas; April [illegible] El Paso; May 3-7, Southern California Institute of Human Relations; May 9-11, University of Nevada; May 12, San Francisco; May 13, Berkeley-Oakland; May 14, Sacramento; May 17, Portland; May 18-20, Olympia, Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane; May 21, Salt Lake City; May 23, Denver; May 25, Lincoln.

Father Kelly Heads N.Y. Archdiocese Schools

New York. On the eve of the thirty-third annual convention of the National Catholic Educational Association in this city announcement was made of the appointment of the Rev. William R. Kelly as Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of New York.

Father Kelly, who is professor of Education at Fordham University, is chairman of the local committee in charge of the educational convention.

Twelve Parishes Open Race May 12

Teams Split Into Eastern And Western Divisions, National Softball Rules To Be Adonted And Players Confined To Parish Limits.

[illegible] May 12 [illegible] is the date.

At [illegible] Catholic baseball teams, split into eastern and western divisions, will start the seventh successive season of the Catholic Softball League in Rochester.

Final decisions on the formation of the circuit were reached [illegible] the following teams: Holy Rosary, St. Peter and Paul, Holy Apostles, Sacred Heart, [illegible] and Immaculate Conception.

In the Eastern section [illegible] Michael, Holy Redeemer, St. Boniface and Our Church [illegible] Mother and Blessed Sacrament.

League Split In Halves

[illegible]

Ten Men on Team

[illegible]

[illegible] Boys Their Interests

[illegible]

C.Y.O. Movement Proves Success

La Crosse, Wis. The La Crosse Diocese's Catholic Youth Organization [illegible] to larger [illegible] the work of bring the Catholic youth [illegible]

The C.Y.O. has promoted a basketball tournament for all parochial [illegible] who have not [illegible] Fall under the general direction of the Most Rev. Alexian R. Groff, Auxiliary Bishop of La Crosse, and with Rev. [illegible] Kundinger as executive [illegible]. Beginning from the fathers and developing a complete athletic program for the first year, the C.Y.O. has gone ahead with [illegible]

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